

AMENDMENT

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A purified polynucleotide, wherein said polynucleotide ~~comprises~~ consists a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 4 and complements thereof.

Claim 2 (Original) The purified polynucleotide of claim 1, wherein said polynucleotide is produced by recombinant techniques.

Claim 3 (Original) The purified polynucleotide of claim 1, wherein said polynucleotide is produced by synthetic techniques.

Claim 4 (Previously presented) The purified polynucleotide of claim 1, wherein said polynucleotide comprises a sequence encoding at least one epitope.

5-9 (Canceled)